

AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Advisory Council Monthly Meeting February 14, 2003

13th Floor Conference Room, Alaska Building
618 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Present: Marc Avni, Martha Becker, Cleo Corcoran, Helen Spencer, Timmie Faghin, John Kennedy, Larry Verhei, Will Parry, Thelma Coney, Mae Shields, John Holecek, Alexandra Tu, Adam John, Larry Low
Absent: Steve Colwell, Joanne Brekke, Lisa Yeager, Gabriel Cohen, Richard McIver, Yolanda Sanchez-Lovato, Linda Woodall and Suzanne Wiley
Guests: Laura Wong-Whitebear, Shania Belgarde, Jo Senters, AARP and Robert Gross

ADS STAFF: Pamela Piering, Karen Winston, Linda Wells, Margaret Casey, and Ozell Bledsoe

King County Staff: Ken Shulman

MINUTES

Will Parry, Chair Pro Tem, convened the Advisory Council meeting at 12:00 p.m., and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Will requested that the Nominating Committee place Cleo Corcoran's name on the ballot for Advisory Council Chair. Larry Verhei formally nominated Cleo Corcoran. After a request for further nominations, none were advanced; therefore it was moved and seconded that Cleo Corcoran be the New Advisory Council Chair. The motion passed.

Jo Senters, AARP Washington State Director, presented information from Boomers at Midlife: the AARP Life Stage Study, Setting the Stage for Elder Goals 2004-2007. Key themes in the AARP study reveal that: 1) Baby Boomers have a more optimistic outlook on life than previous generations; and 2) they have two contradictory expectations -- they expect to retire early with lots of money even though they are not saving, and they expect to work until they are seventy, which reflects their optimism. She highlighted key quality of life indicators which will impact the Baby Boomer generation including health care insurance cost, long-term care and personal income, etc.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to making life better for people 50 and over. They provide information and resources; engage in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy; assist members in serving their communities; and offer a wide range of unique benefits, special products, and services for members.

BUSINESS MEETING

The December 13, 2002 minutes were reviewed and adopted.

- **Advocacy Issues:**

Will Parry

Based upon recommendations of the Outreach and Advocacy Committee the Chair proposed the Advisory Council approve and advocate for the following 3 issues currently before the legislature.

- Pending legislation including HB1214, which would create a state bulk buying program for prescription drugs. This bill is strongly supported by the Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (w4a).
- Legislation to establish a “2-1-1” program for people to call for any problems related to senior services.
- The “Technical Adjustment” in legislation regarding the Supplemental Budget for Case Management Program

- **Actions:**

- A motion was made and approved to actively advocate for these three issues including sending letters from the Advisory Council as appropriate.

Committee Task Force Reports:

- **Outreach and Advocacy Committee**

Will Parry

Discussed issues related to those currently before the legislature.

- **Health Care Task Force**

Larry Verhei

- Reported on the Health Care Task Force presentation by Peter J Dunbar, MD, vice president of Washington State Medical Association, regarding Medicare cuts and impacts on Medicare patients, the cost of malpractice insurance, prescription drugs costs; and the lack of geriatrics trained doctors.
- The motion to reauthorize Peter Greenfield and Columbia Legal Services, to continue as advocate for and convey on behalf of the Advisory Council for extension of alternatives to Nursing Home Care, was approved and accepted.

Director’s Report

Pam Piering

Announcements:

- There will be four Focus on the Future Forums beginning Feb 28th at Mercer Island Community Center, March 18th at the Shoreline Library, April 3rd at the Tukwila Community Center, and April 15th at the Miller Community Center.
- ADS planning staff met with staff from the Seattle Housing Authority and the Architectural firms working on the Rainier Vista redesign to heighten their awareness of Universal Design principles as they finalize their design decisions.
- Sound Steps is a pilot program by the Parks Department aimed at increasing the number of seniors who regularly walk.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Day/date: **Friday, March 14, 2003**

Time: **12:00pm to 2:00 p.m.**

Place: **13th Floor Conference Room**

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John Kennedy, Secretary-Treasurer_____